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DEAR F.D.A.:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS STRONG OBJECTION TO THE COSTLY AND UNNECESSARY RULES WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONSIDER BY THE CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

AS ONE WHO HAS WORKED IN THE OYSTER INDUSTRY FOR MANY YEARS, I CAN TELL YOU THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS WOULD PUT AN END TO THIS INDUSTRY.

AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO EDUCATE PERSONS WITH COMPROMISED HEALTH SITUATIONS TO THE RISKS OF EATING ANY RAW SHELLFISH. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WITH OTHER FOOD ALLERGIES ARE TOLD TO AVOID THESE FOODS. THESE FOODS ARE NOT TAKEN OFF THE MARKET.

I URGE THE FDA TO REJECT THESE INDUSTRY CRIPPLING RULES AND TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE INDEPENDENT STATE AND NATIONAL BODIES SUCH AS ISSC TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND OVERSEEING ACTIVITIES OF THIS VALUABLE RESOURCE.

SINCERELY,

BARRY SCHOMBORG
PLANT MANAGER

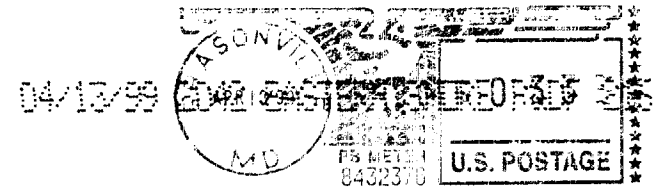
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